ELECTRONIC FIELD OFFICE TECHNICAL GUIDE
FILE INFORMATION

The Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) soils information can be accessed in this section by county. Most of the FOTG soil reports can be produced from the soil database downloads available by county. Microsoft Access 97 or higher is needed in order to view them. Other reports are downloadable or viewable as Adobe Acrobat Reader (pdf) documents or can be acquired from the local field office in each soil survey area. Internet Explorer 5.x or higher should be used to view these pages and screen resolution should be set to 1024 by 768 or you may not see the full screens.

Soil Database

To open or save to disk the Microsoft Access 97 soil database with soil reports, go to the county in question and click on Soil Database. Each Access database is in a file named according to the soil survey area code. Some counties will have the same file, since they are within the same soil survey area. If you have a fast internet connection, you can open and run the Access reports, or save it to disk to your hard drive. Saving the file to disk insures you have the complete functionality of the Access database. These databases work with access 97 or can be opened and run with later versions of Microsoft Access.

When you start up the Access 97 Database, a screen will come up and you can select one or all or scattered groups of soil map units. Chose one from the list of reports you want to run, then click "Generate Report".

All reports from the Access Databases have a "Distribution Generation Date" listed at the bottom of the report that identifies the day the data was created. The file list on the ftp server indicates the date and time of certification.